



CROWN OF THE CONTINENT FROM CANADA, CHIEF MOUNTAIN PORT OF ENTRY
This driving tour accompanies the Crown of the Continent MapGuide. Log on to visitmt.com/national_parks/glacier for your MapGuide.

DAY 1: MANY GLACIER

Using this Crown of the Continent itinerary, visitors arriving from Canada can access Montana via Chief Mountain. Spend the remainder of your travel day in and around Many Glacier, one of the most popular areas in Glacier Park. The razor-sharp mountains are literally right in front of you and a glacier (one of few remaining) is practically in your back pocket via a moderate day hike.



Mountain goat grazing in Glacier National Park

The area makes a fine base for several days of hiking, canoeing and horseback riding. The convenience of Red Bus tours and shuttles makes driving optional. One hike that typifies the area is Iceberg Lake. This trail crosses alpine meadows before dropping into a cirque. The aqua blue lake contained within holds ice year-round. Be on the lookout for mountain goats and

marmots that share the trail with you.

If you have time, and a passing interest in geology, Grinnell Glacier is a must. Park naturalists lead several hikes daily. Grinnell Glacier reached its peak size during a mini ice age in the 1800s. Because of warming trends, walking on the glacial ice is no longer recommended.

In the evening, bask in a sunset that seems endless. Then, try to catch an evening presentation by a Blackfoot tribal member. The seamless blend of legends, stories and history provides a fresh perspective on the park's meaning to native people. Another alternative is singer/songwriter David Walburn's nightly show (except Sundays) in the Many Glacier Lodge. The show combines colorful narrative and Americana-tinged flavor in a style that can only be described as uniquely Montanan.

For additional Many Glacier highlights, visit glacierparkinc.com or call (406) 892-2525.



Many Glacier Hotel in Glacier National Park



Spectacular views in Glacier National Park

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National Park Service • (406) 888-7800 • nps.gov/glac

Glacier Park, Inc. • (406) 892-2525 • glacierparkinc.com

Many Glacier Activities • (406) 892-2525
glacierparkinc.com/Activities

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Many Glacier Hotel • (406) 892-2525 • glacierparkinc.com

Grinnell Glacier Hike • (406) 888-7800 • nps.gov/glac

EATS:

Dining options listed below are centrally located in Many Glacier proper. Call (406) 892-2525 for more information. When inquiring, specify Many Glacier.

The Ptarmigan Dining Room • Window views of towering peaks add alpine atmosphere to your power lunch.

The Interlaken Lounge • Fabulous fondue daily. Three Cheese Swiss or Whisky Chocolate are favorites.

Heidi's Snack Shop • Okay, we're recommending a snack shop. You'll understand after trying the huckleberry yogurt.

SLEEPS:

Many Glacier Hotel • (406) 892-2525 • glacierparkinc.com
From \$135, historic 1915 hotel with panoramic views of nearby Grinnell Point and Mt. Henkel.

Swiftcurrent Motor Inn • (406) 892-2525 • glacierparkinc.com
From \$124, cozy accommodations, perfect for the hiker, photographer or family.

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DAY 2: GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

You'd be hard pressed to find a more scenic drive in the lower 48 than Going-to-the-Sun Road. A wilderness of lakes, towering peaks and remnants of glaciers are readily accessible off road or on. *(This is a seasonal road. It is suggested that visitors check road conditions when planning their trip.)*



Wildflowers in Glacier National Park

There are numerous ways to navigate the park's 52-mile thoroughfare. Following is a quick to-do. Feel free to improvise or follow the path less taken. Whatever you do, make time for St. Mary Lake. The lakeside Sun Point trailhead is a veritable "peak-finder." Nine peaks are visible from here, including Going-to-the-Sun Mountain at 9,942 feet. Boat tours of the lake set out several times a day from the Rising Sun complex. The

sunset cruise is top notch, but then again, every Glacier tour has something to offer.

The road continues to climb to Logan Pass at 6,700 feet. The Visitor Center at Logan Pass features alpine-zone plant and animal exhibits. A variety of trails are easy to access from there, as well. Hidden Lake Overlook is a three-mile round-trip hike through alpine meadows frequented by marmots, ptarmigan and mountain goats. The Highline Trail is another hike that really doesn't feel like a hike. The fairly level terrain, above-timberline views and occasional bighorn sheep sightings help with that.

After enjoying leisurely outdoor pursuits, hop into the car and coast down the other side of the mountain and witness the Weeping Wall. If you have kids in tow, Trail of the Cedars is a perfect hike. The one-mile boardwalk path cuts through an old growth forest of western red cedar and hemlock. To wind down after the hike, check out Lake McDonald Lodge for a local microbrew or lemonade. Grizzly bear hides are draped over balcony railings, hunting trophies are virtually everywhere and pictographs drawn by Charlie Russell adorn the massive walk-in fireplace. An evening stay at Lake McDonald Lodge would be recommended.

For additional Going-to-the-Sun Road highlights, visit nps.gov/glac or call (406) 888-7800.

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Glacier Park, Inc. • (406) 892-2525 • glacierparkinc.com

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Lake McDonald Lodge • (406) 892-2525 • glacierparkinc.com

Going-to-the-Sun Road • (406) 888-7800 • nps.gov/glac

Glacier Park Boat Co. • (406) 257-2426 • glacierparkboats.com

EATS:

Dining options listed below are centrally located in Lake McDonald proper. Call (406) 892-2525 for more information. When inquiring, specify Lake McDonald.



Lake MacDonald, Glacier National Park

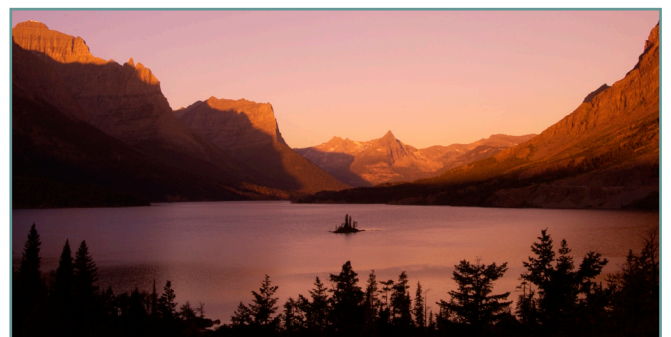
Russell's Fireside Dining Room • With all the hunting trophies displayed, it's no surprise that the menu leans toward wild game.

Jammer Joe's Grill and Pizzeria • A family-friendly, all-you-can-eat pasta, pizza and salad bar.

SLEEPS:

Lake McDonald Lodge • (406) 892-2525
glacierparkinc.com • From \$114, as long as you're cool with shoreline accommodations nestled along the park's largest glacial lake.

Village Inn at Apgar • (406) 892-2525 • glacierparkinc.com
From \$120, a quaint 1950s motor inn on Lake McDonald with stunning views.



Wild Goose Island, St. Mary Lake, Glacier National Park

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Red Jammer Bus tour of Glacier National Park

DAY 3: GLACIER TO CHIEF MOUNTAIN

Today, you'll return to Chief Mountain, skirting Glacier's southern edge. As you head east on Highway 2, watch for the Walton Goat Lick pulloff. Mountain goats perpetually graze and lick the mineral-laden rock of an exposed river bank cliff at this site.

Just a bit farther down the road is Essex, home of the historic Izaak Walton Inn, which once housed winter snow removal crews for the Great Northern Railroad. Today, it's enjoyed by railroad buffs and the skinny ski crowd alike. The inn is a well-known stop for lunch and a perfect lodging stop if you decide to stay an extra day.

From East Glacier, make the decision on whether to head north on the spectacular Kiowa Highway 49, or take a worthwhile side trip to Browning via Highway 2. The Kiowa's climb, skirting the east edge of Glacier, presents some picture perfect views that beg for photo stops. Browning's main attraction is the Museum of the Plains Indian. Its exhibits of cultural artifacts are considered by many to be some of the finest in the West. During the second week in July, North American Indian Days are held at the powwow grounds behind the museum. Dancing, drumming, teepees and rodeo action round out the breathtaking scene. Reconnect to Highway 89 for the last leg north to Chief Mountain.

For additional highlights in and around Browning, log on to www.browningmontana.com

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National Park Service • nps.gov/glac • (406) 888-7800

Glacier Park, Inc. • glacierparkinc.com • (406) 892-2525

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Browning • (406) 338-2344 • browningmontana.com

Glacier Park Lodge • (406) 892-2525 • glacierparkinc.com

Izaak Walton Inn • (406) 888-5700 • izaakwaltoninn.com

Goat Lick Overlook • izaakwaltoninn.com or inquire locally

EATS:

Two Sisters Café • Babb • (406) 732-5535

twosistersofmontana.com • The brightly painted building 4 miles north of St. Mary on US 89. • Homemade meals in a fun and funky atmosphere.

Snowgoose Grill, St. Mary Lodge • St. Mary • (888) 778-6279
stmarylodgeandresort.com • Gourmet dining in a casual atmosphere with an emphasis on savory wild game dishes.

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